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**ROAD HOME PROGRAM COMPLETES CONTAMINATED DRYWALL REMEDIATION**

Louisiana's Road Home Program has completed its plan for assisting homeowners affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita whose rebuilding process was impacted by the use of contaminated drywall.

After the imported building material was nationally implicated in causing health problems and damage to appliances, the state's remediation plan was implemented first with rental assistance, followed by remediation assistance in August 2013.

The Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit worked quickly with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to gain approval for the use of Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery dollars to implement the plan, which included rental assistance for homeowners while testing and remediation was underway.

"Contaminated drywall affected thousands of homeowners in 26 states, but Louisiana was disproportionately impacted because of the large number of our residents who were forced to rebuild after hurricanes Katrina and Rita," Pat Forbes, executive director of the Office of Community Development, said.

The remediation plan assisted 144 homeowners with \$9.6 million in CDBG-DR funds that allowed them to move back into their homes. To date, the Road Home Program has helped a total of 130,045 Katrina and Rita-affected homeowners rebuild their homes with \$9 billion in CDBG-DR funds.

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